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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Koichi KAWASHIMA : Confirmation Number: To be Assigned
Serial No.: 10/653,200 : Group Art Unit: To be Assigned
Filed: September 03, 2003 : Examiner: To be Assigned
For: PATTERN FORMATION METHOD

STATUS INQUIRY

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

A new utility application was filed in the referenced application on September 3, 2003. Since more than six months have elapsed since that date, and no response to said application has been received by attorney for applicant, Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the referenced application.

Respectfully submitted,

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